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REMOVAL OF THE CONDEMNED TO THE QUARTERS.

On Monday, the 22d inst., the condemned prisoners were separated from the other prisoners, and removed to a room on the lower floor of Leech's stone building. Here a strong guard stationed, and every precaution taken to insure not only their safe keeping, but also their safety, as against the violence of a few of our misguided, though deeply injured fellow-citizens.

The President's order was then read to the condemned, first in English and then in Indian. The prisoners received their sentence very coolly. At the close of the first paragraph they gave the usual grant of approval; but as the second was being read, to them, they evidently disapproved, and as the third was being read, they were more general and with but one exception.

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They shook hands with the officers who came in among them, bidding them good-bye as they went on to a long and perilous journey. They had added some whistles of vengeance and ultramarine to their countenances, as their faces were evidently intended to fix themselves in the eyes of the people for the coming year. They commenced singing a death-song, in a low, and near, and joining. It was wonderfully exciting.

They were then put on their heads. The caps were made of white muslin taken from the Indians when their camps were destroyed, and which had formed part of the spoils they had taken from the murdered traders. They were made long, and looked like a meal sack, but being rolled so only came down to the forehead, and allowed their painted faces to be seen.

They received these evidences of their approach to death with evident discomposure. When it had been adjusted on one of them, they looked around on the others, and had not yet received it, with an expression of alarm. Chains and cords had been moved then—their wear was not considered dishonorable; but this covering of the head with a white cap was humiliating.

There was no more singing, and but little conversation and smoking now. All around the room, most of them in a crouched position, awaiting their doom in silence, or listening to the remarks of Captain Burt, who still addressed them. Once in a while they brought their small looking-glasses before their faces, to see that their countenances yet preserved the proper medium of paint. The three half-breeds were the most of all comforted, and their dejection of countenance was truly pitiful to behold.

At precisely ten o'clock the condemned were marched in a procession, and preceded by Captain Burt, who led them into the street, and directly across through files of soldiers, to the scaffold, which had been erected in front, and were delivered to the officer of the day, Captain Burt.

They went to the scaffold, and there they were crowded and jostled each other to be ahead, just like a lot of hungry boarders rushing to dinner in a hotel. The soldiers who were on guard in their quarters, stood arms and followed them, and they in turn were followed by the clergy, reporters, &c.

As they commenced the ascent of the scaffold, the death-song was again started, and when they had got up, it seemed as if pandemonium had broken loose. It had a wonderful effect in keeping up their courage. One young fellow, who had been given a cigar by one of the reporters, just before he was taken to the quarters, was smoking it on the scaffold, puffing away very coolly during the intervals of the hideous "Hi-yi-yi," "Hi-yi-yi," and even after the cap was drawn over his face, he managed to get it up over his nose and smoke.

Another was smoking his pipe. The noise having been promptly adjusted over the necks of each, by Captain Libby, all was ready for the fatal signal.

THE FATAL SIGNAL. A fatal and breathless suspense held the vast crowd which had assembled from all quarters to witness the execution.

Three slow, measured and distinct beats of the drum by Major Brown, who had been announced as signal officer, and the rope was out by Mr. Libby—the scaffold fell, and thirty-seven lifeless bodies were left dangling between heaven and earth.

One of the ropes was broken, and the body of Raging Thunder fell to the ground. The neck had probably been broken, as but little signs of life were observed, but he was immediately hung up again. While the signal beats were being given, numbers were seen to clasp the hands of their neighbors, which in several instances continued to be clasped till the bodies were cut down.

As the platform fell, there was one not loud but prolonged cheer from the soldiers and citizens who were spectators, and then all were quiet and earnest witnesses of the scene. For so many, there was but little suffering; the necks of all, or nearly all, were evidently dislocated by the fall, and the effects were instantaneous.

The bodies were then cut down, placed in four army wagons, and attended by Company K, as a burial party, and under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Mac-

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